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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2001. It is timely submitted in view of the Petition for Extension of Time submitted concurrently herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

1. A freeze-dried composition comprising:
 - (a) a sustained release layer comprising:
 - (i) a water-soluble polymer; and
 - (ii) a first pharmaceutically active agent; and

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